

must ask you therefore to wait another fortnight or so for a specific reply. You can rest assured, however, that the question of basket ball will be considered thoroughly, and I believe myself that the interest in the game is widespread throughout the world. It will interest you that basket ball was one of the points I spoke about to Mr. Elmer Berry who was here just the other day. Herr Siowicke who has a job now in the Hitler-Youth and whom I know quite well has been one of the promoters of basket ball at the Deutsche Hochschule fur Liebesubungen."

On October 25, 1934, Herr Diem wrote: "With further reference to our former correspondence I have the pleasure of informing you that the Organizing Committee at its meeting on October 19, adopted the resolution that basket ball be included in the program of the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin."

Again on December 3, Herr Diem advised: "I acknowledge very gratefully your letter of November 15, and I am glad that America responded so enthusiastically to our plans including basket ball in the program of the XI Olympiad. In the meantime we had the pleasure to have Mr. Jones, the secretary general of the International Basket Ball Federation from Rome with us. Mr. Jones told us also that various other parts of the world answered very favorably to the result of our correspondence. We are now preparing the regulations and rules for the basket ball tournament. Mr. Jones told us that we can count on at least twenty teams: Argentine, Belgium, Esthonia, Latvia, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, United States, China, Greece, Cuba, Japan, Poland, Rumania, Spain, Philippines, Brazil, Portugal, Bulgaria. If